

# Martin Van Buren

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New York



## Martin Van Buren Nature Area Trails System

### Welcome!

This year-round recreation area is made up of approximately 90 acres of land owned by Columbia County, New York. Most of the area is comprised of a mature, mixed northern hardwood forest, dominated by 200 year old Northern Red Oaks, Sugar Maples, and stately Hemlocks. Wildlife is abundant in the northern section of the area. Deer, birds, and turkeys enjoy the mix of habitat that has grown in from the remnants of old orchards and meadows. Though this land was never owned by Martin Van Buren, he probably rode his horse "Duroc" in this area.

A variety of easy loop hikes or bike rides will enable you to experience the mature forest that was growing during the time of Martin Van Buren.



Martin Van Buren National Historic Site is found in Kinderhook, New York. The Eighth President of the United States, Martin Van Buren purchased the estate that he named "Lindenwald" in 1839 during his Presidency.

Van Buren was born in Kinderhook in 1782, the last year of the American Revolution. He lived until July 1862, sixteen months into the American Civil War. During the seventy-nine years of his life, he was instrumental in the establishment of many of the political practices and party politics which saw the new nation from its inception to its trial by ordeal.

You can visit Lindenwald, Martin Van Buren's Retirement home and farm across Route 9H from May through December.

### Principles of Leave No Trace

- Plan Ahead and Prepare
- Travel on Durable Surfaces
- Pack it in/Pack it out
- Leave What You Find
- Respect Wildlife
- Be Considerate of Other Visitors



### Things to Know

- Please Stay on Marked Trails at all times
- Respect Private Property
- Area is open from dawn to dusk, please no overnight camping
- Bicycles are allowed, but No motorized vehicles or unauthorized fires
- No Campfires, Hunting, or Fishing
- Bicycles must yield to pedestrians

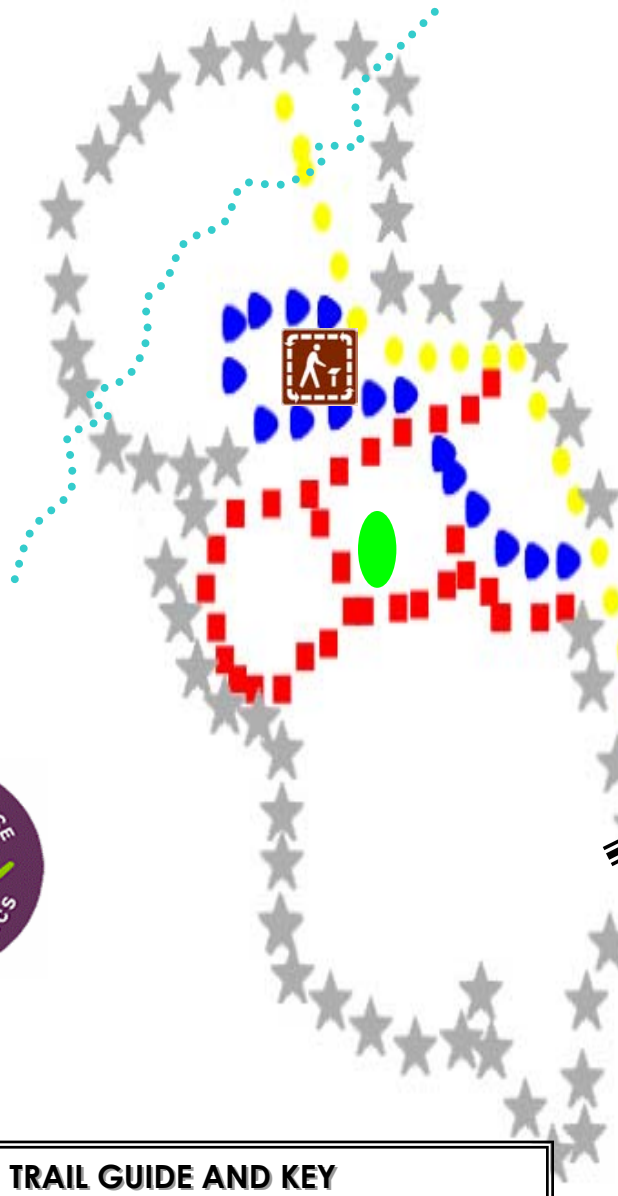
For more information on this area or on Martin Van Buren,  
visit us on the web at

[www.nps.gov/mava](http://www.nps.gov/mava) or [www.columbiacountyny.org](http://www.columbiacountyny.org)

This area is cooperatively maintained and managed  
by Columbia County, the Friends of Lindenwald,  
the Boy and Girl Scouts of America  
and the National Park Service.

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Columbia County New York Parks and Recreation



Interpretive Trail Guides for the Nature (Blue) Trail are available at the National Park Service Visitor Center.



## TRAIL GUIDE AND KEY

TRAIL	MARKERS	DISTANCE	TIME (2 mph)
WHITE LOOP	☆☆☆☆	1.45 MILES	45 min.
BLUE NATURE TRAIL	●●●●	0.7 MILES	21 min.
RED MEADOW TRAIL	■ ■ ■ ■	0.65 MILES	19 min.
YELLOW DUCKS LANE	● ● ● ●	0.9 MILES	27 min.
STREAM	.....		
GATE	≡ ≡ ≡		
MEADOW	●		

Not to Scale

To Hudson/NY Routes 66/23

NY Route 9H

Lindenwald,  
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NY Route 9H

To Kinderhook/US Route 9



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